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SUBJ: PARTIAL IV GRANTS

REF: LORTON TO OBEE O-I LETTER OF OCTOBER 14

POST WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OFFERING PARTIAL GRANTS TO TWO MEMBERS OF THIS YEAR'S NEPAL UNGA DELEGATION IF FUNDS AVAILABLE. IN ORDER OF PRIORITY THEY ARE MR. MARICH MAN SINGH AND MISS INDIRA RANA. SINGH IS AN ELECTED MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL PANCHAYAT, A MEMBER OF THE PRESS COUNCIL AND WHILE NOT WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY IS GENERALLY THOUGHT TO BE A COMER. MISS RANA IS AN UNDER SECRETARY IN THE LAW MINISTRY AND ONE OF THREE MSGBERS OF HER SEX IN NEPAL TO HOLD A LAW DEGREE. WE DO NOT FEEL GRANTS FOR THE OTHER TWO DELEGATION MEMBERS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THEIR RECENT EXPOSURE TO THE U.S. MRS. PREM LATA CHIMIRE WAS A 1967-69 FULBRIGHT GRANTEE AND MR. SUNDAR NATH BHATTARI RECEIVED A PARTIAL IV GRANT ONLY LAST YEAR. IN LINE WITH PAST PRACTICE WE WOULD FAVOR GRANTS OF TWO WEEKS EACH. FYI: WE DOUBT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR HARKHA GURUNG TO ACCEPT A GRANT THIS YEAR. PLEASE ADVISE ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR ONE OR BOTH GRANTS AND POST WILL CABLE NOMINATING DATA. CARGO

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